

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT
500 BLACKHAWK ROAD
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WORK/VOTING MEETING
Via Zoom
July 16, 2020

Mr. Morrison called the Session to order at 7:00PM via the Zoom platform. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jones	Dr. Makoczy	Mrs. Cline	Mr. Heckathorn
Mr. Battaglia	Mr. Morrison	Mr. Yonkee	Mrs. Helsing

Also in attendance:

Dr. Postupac – Superintendent Amanda Jewell - Solicitor
Nate DiBenedetto – Business Services

Not in attendance: Mrs. Ziegler

**Mr. Jones made a motion, Mrs. Cline seconded to approve the June Minutes.
Verbal Vote: 8 yes, 0 no. Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barb Brown asked a question regarding item 5.1

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Cline Made a motion, Mrs. Helsing seconded to approve items 3.2 through 3.4

3.2 Approval is recommended for the Financial Report for June.

3.3 Approval is recommended for the payment of bills.

- a. Fund 10 – General Fund: \$456,669.74 (19-20) \$408,288.31 (20-21)
- b. Fund 32 – Capital Projects Fund: \$101,302.10 (19-20) \$1,250.00 (20-21)
- c. Fund 51 – Cafeteria Fund: \$4,546.99 (19-20) \$175.00 (20-21)

Payroll: \$1,261,909.07

3.4 Approval is recommended to accept the invoice and pay Eckles for the On-Site Project

Representation services related to Alterations at Blackhawk High School in the amount of \$25,008.49

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline

8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Jones made a motion, Mr. Battaglia seconded to amend item 4.5 and add the name Jordan Merry, \$53,482.

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn

8 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helsing made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 4.1 through 4.5

4.1 Approval is recommended to move the following employees on the salary schedule per BEA contractual language for the 2020-21 school year as listed below:

- a. Daniel Nolte, Bachelors to Master's
- b. Maura Underwood, Masters +21 to Masters +30
- c. Christina Chesno, Bachelors to Masters

4.2 Approval is recommended for Prosoft Employee #61 to use FMLA beginning on or about November 24, 2020 and ending on February 1, 2021.

4.3 Approval is recommended for Prosoft Employee #1455 to use FMLA beginning on or about August 27, 2020 and ending on December 1, 2020.

4.4 Approval is recommended to employ Robyn Turner as Paraprofessional beginning August 21, 2020 at a rate of \$12.19 per hour and all benefits according to the BESPAs pending clearances.

4.5 Approval is recommended to employ Jordan Merry as Elementary Teacher, at a rate of \$53,482, Step 19 with all benefits according to the BEA, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, pending clearances and references.

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Helsing

7 Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried (Mr. Heckathorn was not present for vote)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Yonkee made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve items 5.1 through 5.6

5.1 Approval is recommended to adopt the reading program Wit & Wisdom from Great Minds for Grad3 5 ELA. The books and online access will cost \$12,521.82. The reading program focuses on novel studies. The novels are reusable each year, but each year we will need to purchase the online access for students and staff at around \$2,660.

5.2 Approval is recommended to adopt the math textbook Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life from Cengage Learning for Math 7. The textbooks and online access for five years will cost \$12,646.40

5.3 Approval is recommended to adopt the math textbook envision Mathematics from Savvas Learning Company (formally known as Pearson) for Pre Algebra 7 and 8. The textbooks and online access for five years will cost \$19,824.87

5.4 Approval is recommended to amend the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar.

5.5 Approval is recommended to accept the Education Health and Safety Pandemic Plan required by the Department of Education. This plan is based on the changing requirements from the CDC, PA DOH and the PDE. Blackhawk administration is given the authority from the Board of Directors to adjust this plan as needed and will report any changes to the Board of School Directors.

5.6 Approval is recommended for Resolution 07162020, declaring the Covid-19 pandemic an emergency and authorizing the Superintendent to develop alternate instructional plans to employ in-person, virtual and distance learning as the Superintendent deems appropriate in accordance with 24 P.S. 520.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

Roll Call Vote yes; Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones

8 Yes, 0 no; Motion Carried

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/REAL ESTATE

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Yonkee seconded to approve items 6.1 through 6.4

6.1 Approval is recommended to accept the lowest of three bids by Waterson Paving and Maintenance for Crack Filling and Asphalt Sealing at Highland Middle School at a cost of \$18,725 and Patterson Primary School at a cost of \$3,900.

6.2 Approval is recommended to purchase a John Deere zero turn mower with collection system from LandPro Equipment LLC at a cost of \$15,845.45.

6.3 Approval is recommended for a credit to the District in the amount of \$4,048.00 for the use of manufactured casework in lieu of custom fabricated casework.

6.4 Approval is recommended for the change order for removing the existing wallpaper in the guidance suite spaces as requested by Darrin Fleischman. The cost for this work is \$7,165.00

Roll Call Vote, Yes; Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy

8 Yes, 0 no; Motion Carried

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Mr. Heckathorn made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve item 7.1

7.1 Approval is recommended to appoint Jamie Planitzer Assistant Cross Country coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Supplemental Contract \$1,943.40.

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mr. Yonkee, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Heckathorn, Mr. Jones, Dr. Makoczy, Mr. Morrison

8 yes, 0 no; Motion Carried

PSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Cline made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to approve item 16.1

16.1 Approval is recommended for Resolution supporting the development of anti-racist school climate by the Board of School Directors.

Roll Call Vote Yes; Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Heckathorn, Mrs. Helsing, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Yonkee

7 Yes, 0 no; Motion Carried (Dr. Makoczy was not present for the vote)

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dr. Postupac commented on transportation and social distancing, and the possibility of changing student start times.

Mr. Battaglia asked a question regarding transportation.

Mr. Battaglia made a motion, Mr. Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:49

Verbal Vote, 8 yes, 0 no Motion Carried